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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 4150

STR FOR AMBASSADOR WOLFF

NSC FOR ERB

RIO DE JANERIO FOR LANDE AND ROSENBAUM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: BEXP VE ETRD
SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

REF: (A) CARACAS 3597 (B) CARACAS 3128 (C) CARACAS 3088

1. IN A FURTHER EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE IMPACTOF THE
IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. EXPORTS TO VENEZUELA,
THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD AN EXTENSIVE
DISCUSSION WITH VICE PRESIDENT FIGUEREDO AND HIS DEPUTY
SALAZAR CUERVO. FIGUEREDO VERY CANDIDLY STATED HIS
VIEW AT THIS POINT THAT THE RESTRICTIONS WILL HAVE
PRIMARILY A PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT. HE LEFT A DEFINITE
IMPRESSION THAT HE EFFECT ON THE PHYSICAL FLOW OF
GOODS INTO VENEZUELA WOULD BE MODEST, SUBSTANTIALLY
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LESS THAN $500 MILLION. THE MAJOR PART OF THE ACTUAL
IMPORT RESTRICTIONS THAT DO OCCUR WOULD BE IN THE
IMPORTS BY GHE PUBLIC SECTOR OVER WHICH ICE CAN
EXERCISE MORE CONTROL AND ABOUT WHICH THERE SHOULD
BE LESS OUTCRY FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE CONTROLS
WOULD ALSO SERVE TO PUT IMPORTERS IN THE PRIVATE
SECTOR ON NOTICE TO EXERCISE MORE RESTRAINT.

2. FIGUEREDO'S MODERATE APPRAISAL, NOW THAT THE
RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT FOR SOME WEEKS AND SOME
OF THE EMOTIONS HAVE SUBSIDED, INOUR OPINON REPRESENTS
A MORE ACCURATE AND REALISTIC VIEW. THIS ESTIMATE ON
THE PART OF THE GOV'S MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AND
AUTHORITIATIVE TRADE OFFICIAL EASES OUR CONCERN SOMEWHAT
ABOUT POSSIBILE LOSS OF EXPORTS AND SHOULD BE USEFUL TO
STR IN THEIR TALKS WITH FIGUEREDO AND OTHER TRADE
OFFICIALS MAY 10 IN CARACAS.
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